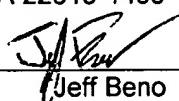




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Sir:

The following remarks respond to the Office Action dated June 25, 2004.

Claims 1-22 remain pending in the application, with claims 1, 13 and 17-19 being the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous prior art rejections. The only remaining rejection is the rejection of claims 1-22 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,484,297. In order to obtain early allowance of this case, Applicants are submitting the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

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